

R-13212

ORDINANCE NO. 0-00- 50

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PETS AND OTHER ANIMALS AT THE TOAD SUCK DAZE FESTIVAL; PRESCRIBING CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Conway desires to create a safe environment for the general public who seek to participate in or attend the annual Toad Suck Daze Festival, an event held in downtown Conway on Friday through Sunday during the 1st weekend in May each year; and

WHEREAS, typically, there are large crowds associated with this festival in a relatively small area of downtown, which causes animals and pets brought by members of the public to be in very close proximity to other festival-goers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. That during the time of the Toad Suck Daze festival held in the City of Conway, it shall be unlawful to have within the festival perimeter any pet or animal, leashed or unleashed, including but not limited to the following: Dogs, cats, domesticated game animals, livestock of any kind, "pot-bellied" pigs, game animals or any wild animal, birds of prey or fowl of any kind, reptiles, including frogs or snakes.

"Festival perimeter" is defined as those areas upon which are located attractions, rides, booths and concessions associated with the Toad Suck Daze Festival, including those portions of streets which have been closed to through traffic and any sidewalks and parks and parking lots immediately adjacent thereto.

**SECTION 2. EXCEPTIONS:** Provided, the following are exempt from the terms of this ordinance: Service animals and search and rescue animals, as described in Arkansas Code Annotated Section 20-14-304; horses or "K-9" dogs utilized by mounted patrols or law enforcement agencies; pets entered in any sanctioned "pet show" being held at the festival; animals used and maintained during the course of a festival-sanctioned event, concession or ride; live crawdads intended to be consumed on the premises; toads (family *bufonidae*) brought into the festival perimeter for purposes of racing.

**SECTION 3. PENALTIES:** Any person violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, nor more than One Hundred (\$100.00).

**Section 4.** That any ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of that conflict.

**Section 5.** That this ordinance is necessary for the protection of the peace, health and safety of the citizens of Conway, and therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall go into effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 1st day of May, 2000.

APPROVED:

  
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MAYOR TAB TOWNSELL

ATTEST:

  
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MICHAEL O. GARRETT, CITY CLERK